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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 5, 2005, November 30, 2004 and November 12, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a German Office Action dated May 8, 2006, together with an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member German Patent Application No. 103 02 065.9-15, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) German Patent Publication No. DE 696 11 078, together with an English language abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,947,708 to PARK et al., which issued on September 7, 1999;

- (2) German Patent Publication No. DE 198 60 726, together with an English language abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,152,710 to OH et al., which issued on November 28, 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 3,934,967 to GANNAWAY, which issued on January 27, 1976;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 1,747,332 to SUMMERS, which issued on February 18, 1930; and
- (5) German Patent Publication No. DE 26 19 516, together with an English language translation of the title and the first paragraph thereof, and patent family member United Kingdom Patent No. GB 1 541 792.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims of the German Application to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the German Examiner, are set forth in the German Office Action.

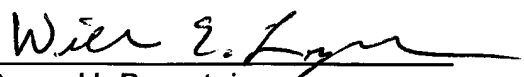
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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